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TO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

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INFO AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE

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FOLLOWING TEL SENT ACTION LIBREVILLE FROM STATE JUNE 22:

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAIR, GB

SUBJ: GABON PLANNING QUIT AIR AFRIQUE

REF: LIBREVILLE 1223

1. WITH REGARD TO ANY POSSIBLE PLANS TO IMPLEMENT FLIGHTS
TO U.S., EMBASSY, AT ITS DISCRETION, MAY REMIND
PRESIDENT BONGO IN AN APPROPRIATE MANNER THAT SINCE AIRLINE
TRAFFIC IN AFRICA IS RELATIVELY THIN, VIABLE AIRLINE
SERVICE TO U.S. MAY BE PROVIDED ONLY BY COMBINING DIF-
FERENT MARKETS ON THE SAME TRUNK SERVICE. PAN AM IS ABLE
TO FLY BETWEEN THE U.S. AND AFRICA ONLY BY SERVING A
NUMBER OF POINTS ON THE SAME FLIGHTS. SINCE AIR AFRIQUE,
BY VIRTUE OF ITS BEING A REGIONAL AIRLINE, IS ALSO ABLE
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TO DO THIS, THE U.S. HAS RECOGNIZED AN ECONOMIC BASIS FOR
U.S. ROUTE RIGHTS. AIR AFRIQUE'S U.S. ROUTE RIGHTS WOULD
NOT BE TRANSFERRABLE TO AN INDEPENDENT GABONESE AIRLINE.
SINCE AN ECONOMIC BASIS MUST EXIST FOR GRANTING U.S. ROUTE

RIGHTS TO ANY FOREIGN COUNTRY, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT GABON
WOULD BE ABLE TO OBTAIN SUCH RIGHTS INDEPENDENTLY OF ITS
MEMBERSHIP IN A REGIONAL AIRLINE.

2. ABOVE IS INITIAL REACTION TO REFTTEL AND OTHER MATTERS
RAISED REFTTEL WILL BE ADDRESSED IN SEPARATE CABLE. ROBINSON
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